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FARMING, LIVESTOCK RAISING SET HIGHER GOALS

PROGRESS OF SPRING PLANTING -- Borba, No 64, 16 Mar 49

Good weather late in February and early in March has made it possible to begin spring planting earlier than was anticipated in many districts. About 8,500 hectares in Yugoslavia, 4,500 of them in Macedonia, had been planted by 8 March.

The deep plowing plan has been fulfilled only 50 percent in the country, as a whole. In Croatia, only 67 percent, in Macedonia only 62 percent, and in Serbia only 47 percent of the plan has been completed. The chief reason for this failure was insufficient effort on the part of the ~~srer~~ [People's] Councils, although dry weather, late ripening of seed, and early frosts were contributing factors.

Thus far, 90.4 percent of all farm machinery in Yugoslavia has been made ready for spring work. Even privately owned machinery has been repaired. Many machine-tractor stations completed their plans ahead of schedule.

The spring sowing plan provides that the area planted in industrial crops shall be 23 percent greater than last year. Contracts have already been signed for 99.76 percent of the area planned for cotton, 97 percent for tobacco, 93.6 percent for sugar beets, 97.7 percent for sunflowers, and 77.6 percent for flax.

The seed service, which distributes quality seed to growers, has distributed 15.5 percent of the seed required for the spring planting of grain, 100 percent for industrial plants, 25 percent for fodder plants, and 100 percent for vegetables. Socialized farms have already received all the seed they need for planting their quotas of industrial crops and vegetables, and 420 carloads of "heterotis" seed corn produced on state farms have been allocated. State farms and farm workers' cooperatives have first rights to supplies of seed. Other growers are supplied mainly from local sources.

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BOSNIA TO INCREASE LIVESTOCK -- Politika, No 13186, 17 Mar 49

There are now 12 state farms in Bosnia and Hercegovina. The number of livestock on Bosnian farms is expected to increase ninefold during 1949, as compared with last year. The plan for cattle is eight times greater and the plan for sheep five times greater than last year. Many new farms must be formed to fulfill the plan.

There are more than 100,000 hectares of mountain pasture suitable for grazing in Bosnia and Hercegovina, and reclamation will make an additional 240,000 hectares available for forming new farms.

Over a million dinars will be spent in Bosnia and Hercegovina [this year] on buildings and yards for the 110,000 sheep, 13,500 cattle, and 13,200 swine to be housed on new farms.

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